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At the present moment, when once again  
there is some agitation against the Republic  
in France, it may be interesting to pass  
briefly in review the respective positions  
of the various parties and the chances of  
their success in the coming election.

When the Third Republic was first formed,  
in the autumn of 1870, there seemed little  
chance of its duration for more than a few  
years. Practically the Government of M.  
Thiers, the first President, was one of ex-  
ception, more Republican in name than in  
reality. When, in 1883, Marshal MacMahon  
succeeded to the presidential chair, he was  
regarded very generally as a second General  
Monck, whose rôle it would be to clear the  
way for the re-establishment of Royalty.

Unhappily for that cause there were two  
claimants to the Throne—Prince Henri, Comte  
de Chambord, grandson of Charles X., and  
Prince Louis Philippe, Comte de Paris, grand-  
son of the Citizen King, the former being the  
legitimate heir, the latter the representative of  
the Orleansists. The two princes represented  
two different principles: the Bourbon  
government by divine right; the Orleansist  
the right of popular election. Between  
them there was a broad gulf, which took a  
great deal of bridging, and when at last this  
was effected by the Comte de Chambord  
(who was childless) recognising the Comte de  
Paris as his heir, serious difficulties still  
remained. One of those which at first  
seemed trivial, proved eventually the rock on  
which the Republic wrecked all his  
chances of succession. He was asked to  
adopt the tricolour flag. To this demand he

would not for a moment yield. Give up the  
White Flag and Titles, the flag which was  
the symbol of the Republic, and the  
Republic would be at an end. The  
Orleansists had made impermissibly glorious  
Paris the thought of a throne bought by  
such a sacrifice would have no charms for  
him. So the loyal but impracticable prince  
stuck to his historic flag and lost the chance  
of becoming Henri V. When M. Jules  
Grévy succeeded Marshal MacMahon, the  
Republic took firmer root, and has since that  
period still further strengthened its hold on  
the nation. It seemed at one time as though  
a popular crisis which made Boulanger the  
hero of the hour might lead to the creation  
of a new third empire, but the *esprit chauvin*  
General proved but an ephemeral favourite,  
and his star quickly set in ridicule and con-  
tempt. The cause of the Bonapartes had  
long been regarded as hopeless. The sad  
death in Zululand of the PRINCE IMPERIAL,  
and later that of Prince Jérôme Napoleon,  
left at the head of the party a young and  
unknown scion of the house, whose personal  
life has never engaged much attention in  
France, and who has had little opportunity  
of making any public appearance. Stories  
have been current, too, of Prince Victor  
Napoleon sowing not a few wild oats, but  
Frenchmen are not prone to criticise too  
harshly the morals of their rulers. Nor have  
any of the Bonapartes been models of pro-  
prietly in this respect. General Boulanger's  
sedition, again, did not result from his love  
living; his fall was due to ridicule which  
followed his duel with M. Ferry in which he,  
the military hero of the populace, was worst-  
ed by a civilian.

It is not the moral laxness of the royal  
and imperial pretenders that have weak-  
ened their cause or made the strength of the  
Republic. The great mass of Frenchmen  
desires a stable form of Government under  
which they could make money and prosper.  
Neither of the other factions  
promised the same degree of stability as  
the Republic. Originally, from 1870 to  
1879, when M. Grévy succeeded Marshal  
MacMahon in the presidential chair, the Re-  
publican administration was one of com-  
promise, but as years rolled on it became  
more firmly rooted, and though one cabinet  
succeeded another in startlingly rapid suc-  
cession, the party grew stronger and stronger  
in the Legislative Assembly, and the Wilson  
scandal, which at length in 1887 brought  
about the downfall of his father-in-law M.  
Grévy, had no effect on the Republic,  
which under the presidency of M. Sadi  
Carnot became yet more securely estab-  
lished. The present President, by his tact,  
moderation, and blameless life, has done  
much to popularise the Republic and create  
such a belief in its permanence that the  
Vatican has formally recognised it and  
ordained the Roman Catholic clergy to do so,  
thus apparently destroying the last hope of  
the Orleansists. But popular as the Re-  
public has become among Frenchmen, and  
firmly anchored as it may seem to be, it is  
quite possible with that excitability for a  
sudden gust of passion or a popular outcry  
to capsize the vessel of state. The gross  
scandal attending the Panama Canal un-  
dertaking brought to light by recent re-  
velations has done somewhat to upset the faith  
of the French in their public men, and it is  
impossible to say to what extent prominent  
Republican politicians may be implicated in  
the fraud and vanity now being mercilessly  
laid bare. It is perhaps not unnatural  
that the Royalist and Imperialist parties  
should seize the occasion to impeach the  
Republic under whose rule such boundless  
corruption has been possible and by the  
instrumentality of which such immense sums  
have been recklessly squandered. Those of  
the electors who have been victimised and  
their friends will of course be only too ready  
to assail those whom they regard as re-  
sponsible for the financial disaster which  
overtook the enterprise, for the French  
capitalist does not readily condone a swindle.  
Nevertheless it is very doubtful whether  
the outcry they will raise will go so far  
as to touch the Republic. It has yet to  
be shown that the Republic is in any  
way responsible for the Panama scandal.  
Even supposing that the Republican leaders  
are discredited it does not follow that  
the party will be discredited. This might prove  
the case in the best of the moment if only  
the claimants to the Throne were more im-  
posing personages. But the Comte de Paris  
ruined his chances of success when he in-  
trigued or allowed his party to intrigue with  
Boulanger, and the name of BONAPARTE is  
no longer one to conjure with. The Due  
d'Orléans, the eldest son and heir of the  
Comte de Paris, is personally not unfitted  
to arouse enthusiasm, having a fine presence  
and boundless courage and confidence. His  
hold attempt to enter the army as a private  
a few years ago excited not a little admi-  
ration in France, and his readiness to face any  
peril is a quality which has some fascination  
for Frenchmen. But this stalwart Prince—  
who stands about six feet three inches—  
is far from the scene of agitation, being now  
engaged hunting big game in the interior of  
Africa with a Russian Prince. His rival,  
Prince Victor Napoleon, has therefore a  
clearer field, and as he has the Napoleonic  
gift for issuing scathing pronouncements  
he may possibly excite the popular fancy in  
Paris on his rebound from anarchy or dis-  
appointment. Republicanism. This, however,  
is only a possibility: the probabilities are  
all in favour of a contest between Socialists  
and Anarchists and the existing regime.  
For either the Royalists or the Imperialists  
to conclude even a temporary alliance with  
the forces of disorder would be an irrepara-  
ble mistake. Scarcely less detrimental to  
their chances of regaining popular favour  
would it be to remain neutral in such a con-  
test. Patriotism calls for active denunciations  
from them of any attempt to subvert  
the reign of order. If the Republic is to fall  
its defeat should be brought about by con-  
stitutional means. Any attempt to over-  
throw it by a coup d'état would be certain  
ultimately to recoil on the conspirators. The  
Republic exists by the will of the people;  
it can only be supplanted by the will of  
the same agency. So far it seems to have  
done well in many respects, but if its opponents  
can make good their indictment and show  
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烟肉	Feet	do.	12 to 13
烟肉	Kidneys	do.	11 to 12
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烟肉	Hams, American	lb.	24 to 25
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烟肉	Japanese cured	do.	20 to 21
烟肉	Shanghai	do.	20 to 21
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烟肉	Shoulder	do.	15 to 16
烟肉	Pig Feet	city	11 to 12
烟肉	Head	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Kidneys	pair	7 to 8
烟肉	Liver	city	14 to 15
烟肉	Corncod	city	12 to 13
烟肉	Log	do.	14 to 15
烟肉	Shoe, Heart, and Foot	set	81 to 82
烟肉	Heart	each	4 to 5
烟肉	Kidneys	do.	12 to 13
烟肉	Sucking Pigs	each	51 to 52
烟肉	Suet, Beef	lb.	10 to 11
烟肉	Mutton	city	15 to 16
烟肉	Swine Head	city	15 to 16
烟肉	Poultry	do.	12 to 13
烟肉	Chicken	city	15 to 16
烟肉	Capons	do.	24 to 25
烟肉	Doves	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Eggs	doz.	9 to 10
烟肉	Duck	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Fowl	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Grouse	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Moose deer	set	328 to 329
烟肉	Partridges	do.	50 to 51
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烟肉	Turkeys, Cock	city	20 to 21
烟肉	Willow	do.	20 to 21
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烟肉	Woodcock	do.	20 to 21
烟肉	Barbel	city	10 to 11
烟肉	Bream	do.	10 to 11
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烟肉	Codfish, Salt	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Crabs	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Fish, Salt	do.	10 to 11
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烟肉	Halibut	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Herrings	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Larous	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Mackerel	do.	10 to 11
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烟肉	Oysters	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Parrot Fish	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Perch	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Black	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Pomfret	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Prasus	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Ray	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Rock Fish	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Shark	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Salmon, Canton	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Salmon, Chub	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Salt Water	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Shrimp	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Sole	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Turbot	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Turples, small, fresh water	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Whiting	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Wholes	do.	10 to 11
烟肉	Apples	city	2 to 3
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烟肉	Arachnoid	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Bananas, fragrant	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Carambola	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Chestnuts	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Cocoanuts	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Ground Nuts	city	2 to 3
烟肉	Lemons, China	do.	2 to 3
烟肉	Limes	do.	2 to 3
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